35. A system according to claim 33, wherein the mobile communication network is a GSM network.

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- 36. A system according to claim 33, the system further comprising means for sending an event notice to a network management system when a presence of at least one of said elements is detected for the first time.
- 37. A system according to claim 33, the system further comprising means for carrying out measurements from the communication relayed via at least one of said elements.
- 38. A network element for cellular communication networks comprising:
 a system for identifying communication relaying elements on the grounds of the communication time delays.
- 39. A network element according to claim 38, wherein the network element is a base transceiver station (BTS).
- 40. A network element according to claim 38, wherein the network element is a base station controller (BSC).

REMARKS

It should be noted that during PCT prosecution, page 2 was amended and a new page 2 was substituted, page 2b was added, and page 9 was amended and a new page 9 was substituted, and that this application contains these three substituted and/or new pages.

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This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

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